

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: MAGNETO-OPTICAL BODY AND OPTICAL ISOLATOR USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3 and 4 as follows:

3. (Amended) The magneto-optical body according to Claim 1, wherein the one dielectric thin film is Si, and the other dielectric thin film is SiO₂

4. (Amended) An optical isolator comprising the magneto-optical body according to Claim 1.

Please add new claims 5-7 as follows:

--5. The magneto-optical body according to Claim 2, wherein the one dielectric thin film is Si, and the other dielectric thin film is SiO₂.--

--6. An optical isolator comprising the magneto-optical body according to Claim 2.--

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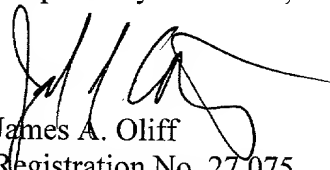
--7. An optical isolator comprising the magneto-optical body according to
Claim 3.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 7 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3 and 4 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 5-7 are added to compensate for the material deleted from claims 3 and 4. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3. (Amended) The magneto-optical body according to Claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the one dielectric thin film is Si, and the other dielectric thin film is SiO₂

4. (Amended) An optical isolator comprising the magneto-optical body according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1.

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